

ISLAMIC STUDIES

2068/23

Paper 2 Development, Sources, Beliefs and Observances

October/November 2017

1 hour 30 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer **three** questions.

Choose **one** question from each section.

You must answer **all** parts of the questions you have chosen.

The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.

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Section A: The Caliphate Period/The Four Pious Caliphs

- 1 (a) State **four** characteristics of Abu Bakr as Caliph. [4]
- (b) Give an account of how Abu Bakr and, later, Umar were elected as Caliph. [10]
- (c) To what extent would you agree that the era of the Four Pious Caliphs was the Golden Age of Islam? [6]
- 2 (a) How did Uthman continue the policy of military expansion? [4]
- (b) Explain the problems that arose during Uthman's Caliphate. [10]
- (c) Uthman was surrounded by people who gave bad advice and took advantage of him. How might Muslims today avoid this happening in their lives? [6]

Section B: The history and importance of the Qur'an and Hadith

- 3 (a) Why are the Qur'an and Hadith both referred to as primary sources of Islam? [4]
- (b) Describe what you know about the contents of the Qur'an. [10]
- (c) How do the Qur'an and Hadith differ in importance? [6]
- 4 (a) Describe **four** features of the birth of Prophet Isa (AS). [4]
- (b) Outline what is said in the Qur'an about the adult life and death of Prophet Isa (AS). [10]
- (c) Why is it significant that some of the prophets mentioned in the Qur'an are also in the scriptures of Judaism and Christianity? [6]

Section C: Beliefs, practices and rituals

- 5 (a) Give an account of how Muslims perform Zakat **and** explain its significance for the community. [12]
- (b) Which of the Five Pillars most unites Muslims?
Discuss this question. Give your own opinion and show that you have thought about different points of view. [8]
- 6 (a) Give an account of the range of meanings of Jihad. [12]
- (b) 'A person can only be a true Muslim in a Muslim country.'
Discuss different views about this statement and give your own opinion. [8]

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